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H. R. 6112

To provide for the monitoring of the long-term medical health of firefighters who responded to emergencies in certain disaster areas and for the treatment of such firefighters.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 21, 2008

Mr. BACA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be referred to as the “Healthy Fire-
5 fighters Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONITORING AND TREATMENT OF FIREFIGHTERS**
2 **IN DISASTER AREAS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Fire Adminis-
4 tration, after consultation with the National Institute for
5 Occupational Safety and Health, shall—

6 (1) contract with an appropriate, locally based
7 medical research university to conduct long-term
8 medical health monitoring of those firefighters who
9 responded to emergencies in any areas referred to in
10 subsection (b); and

11 (2) in consultation with the Secretary of Health
12 and Human Services, provide for the treatment of
13 firefighters described in paragraph (1) who suffer
14 health-related conditions as a result of responding to
15 such emergencies.

16 (b) AFFECTED FIREFIGHTERS.—An area referred to
17 in this subsection is any area which is declared a disaster
18 area by the Federal Government.

19 (c) HEALTH MONITORING.—The long-term health
20 monitoring referred to in subsection (a) shall include—

21 (1) pulmonary illness, neurological damage, and
22 cardiovascular damage; and

23 (2) exposure documentation.

24 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
25 are authorized to be appropriated to the United States
26 Fire Administration to carry out this section, such sums

1 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2009 through
2 2013.

